Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Is there no land tax ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Land tax is under consideration.

CENSUS REPORT—1941

198. Mr. K. R. Achyutan *(Ezhuvas-Trichur):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the Cochin Census Report of 1941 has been published;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the negative, whether Government did not state in reply to question No. 3 in the last Budget Session of the Legislative Council that the Census Report has been drafted and it will be ready for publication early in 1119;

(*c*) what the delay in publishing the report is due to:

(*d*) whether the 1941 Census Reports of the Madras and Travancore Governments have been published ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The drafting of the report was over by the close of the last year. The draft report had to be scrutinized and approved by Government for which a reference to the Resident was necessary.

(*d*) There is no report for the Province of Madras this time. The Travancore Census Report has been published.

Mr. K. T. Achuthan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know whether the Government would be able to publish the report in 1120 ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Yes.

MULLURKAYAL SCHEME

199. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state whether they have received complaints about the Mullurkayal scheme with reference to the serious loss to the agriculturists, the inadequacy of compensation, the inequitable decisions of revenue officials, the improper discharge of duties imposed by specific order of the Engineering Department ?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* Complaints alleging loss, damages, etc., have been received. Adequate compensation has been awarded for the lands occupied for the storage scheme, with due regard to their yielding capacity, cultivation expenses, damages, etc. It is not understood what exactly is meant by the terms "inequitable decisions of Revenue Officials" and "improper discharge of duties imposed by specific order of the Engineering Department."

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know, Sir, whether there are complaints that adjoining properties are assessed at different rates of income.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar):* I want notice.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know, Sir, whether there are complaints that the sluices that are dumped up for the purposes of storing water are not properly opened at the proper time.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* The bunds have been properly opened. There have been complaints. But they have been properly looked into.

KOLE CULTIVATION—1119

200. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the total area over which Kole cultivation was had in this year, 1119 M. E.

(*b*) the total quantity of paddy realised from the crops raised on all the Kole lands;

(*c*) the quantity of paddy sold to and purchased by the Government;

(*d*) the approximate quantity of paddy left with the owners or cultivators ?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) 11,500 acres. (12,000 minus 500 acres comprising the low lying portion of Mullurkayal lake).

(*b*) 8,05,000 paras approximately.

(*c*) 4,11,832 paras were requisitioned.

(*d*) 3,93,168 paras approximately.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* May I know, Sir, whether any specific data have been passed for leaving thousands of paras of paddy with these cultivators and owners.

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